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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Ross A. Chittenden, Division of Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Metropolitan Transportation Commission's 2005 Federal Transportation
Improvement Program Amendment No. 05-12

We, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), have completed our review of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) 2005 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 05-12 submitted by your letter dated September 15, 2005. The amendment includes modifications to the state, local and transit elements of the FTIP by adding or modifying various projects throughout the San Francisco Bay region funded by various programs.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we approve this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450, with the exception of the following project:

- Walnut Blvd. widening and reconstruction, TIP ID CC-979030.

The above project is not exempt as defined in the transportation conformity rule (40 CFR 93.126 and 93.127) and requires a conformity determination in order to be amended into MTC's 2005 FTIP.

We find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The approved changes made to the FTIP by this amendment does not result in the need to make a conformity determination. Therefore, we find that the FTIP continues to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan.



This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of MTC's 2005 FTIP Amendment No. 05-12 into California's 2004/2005 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. However, this approval does not constitute project eligibility determinations for any specified program funding.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Mayela Sosa, with the FHWA, at (916) 498-5022 or Ted Matley, with the FTA, at (415) 744-2590.

Sincerely,

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